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SAGE TELECOM, INC.

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Petition for emergency relief to protect Petitioners;
Annual Report from disclosure for not less than five years in
order to protect highly proprietary information

) Docket No.

08-00112

PETITION

NOW COMES, Sage Telecom, Inc. ("Petitioner") and hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for emergency relief to protect Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure for not less than five years in order to protect highly proprietary information includes therein. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is certificated by the Commission to provide competitive telecommunications services in the state of Illinois.

2. Petitioner is required to file an Annual Report pursuant to Section 5-109 of The Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/5-109).

3. The Annual Report of the Petitioner contains highly proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information, the disclosure of which to competitors, or potential competitors, would be detrimental to Petitioner.

4. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained in the Annual Report of Petitioner be avoided for a period of at least five years following the issuance of an Order by the commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.

5. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g), exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information... where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential, or where disclosure of such trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm." The Annual Report of Petitioner, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption. Given the highly competitive nature of the telecommunications industry in Illinois and nationwide, Petitioner would suffer competitive harm in the event that the contents of its Annual Report were available for inspection by Sage's competitors. This information is not generally made available to the public and the Petitioner generally takes steps to protect this information from disclosure, including storing the information in secure files and servers and permitting company employee access to the information only on a

need-to-know basis.

6. Petitioner seeks an Order from this Commission, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety Petitioner's Annual Report for a period of not less than five years.

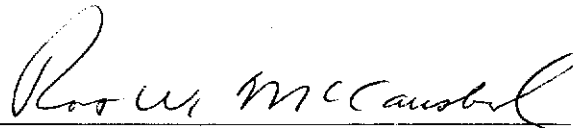
WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety the 2007 Annual Report of the Petitioner for a period of not less than five years.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

SAGE TELECOM, INC.

By:



Robert W. McCausland
Vice President and Secretary
Sage Telecom, Inc.

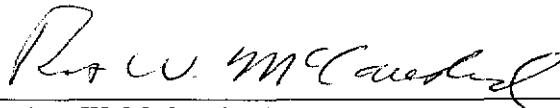
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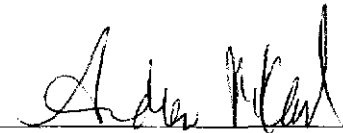
VERIFICATION

Robert W. McCausland, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is the Vice President and Secretary of Sage Telecom, Inc., that he has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Robert W. McCausland
Vice President and Secretary
Sage Telecom, Inc.

Subscriber and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 2008.



Notary Public

